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Dear [redacted]

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We have reviewed in detail your comments of May 22, 1985, concerning the manuscript of FRUS, 1952-54 Vol XII, Part II, Phillipines, and appreciate the attention you and your colleagues have given this compilation.

In an effort to meet your continued concerns and still make possible the release of significant historic documents, we have additional suggestions which we hope you can accept. The referenced numbers are the same as in our recent correspondence.

1. Items 1, 5 and 6. These items concern Embassy information and reports transmitted to Washington by CIA channels and subsequently relayed by the Agency to the Department. CIA's argument is that transmission of the material in [redacted]

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To meet this objection, we are prepared, on Item 1, to change the heading in the memorandum beginning on galley 383 PHI to "Memorandum to the Assistant Secretary of State for Far Eastern Affairs (Allison)", and to omit the signature at the end of the document. Other omissions would be as specified in your May 9 letter. The document as it would then appear is attached at Tab A

On Item 5 we are willing to change the heading on galley 390 PHI to read "Memorandum to the Assistant Secretary of State for Far Eastern Affairs (Allison)" and to omit the signature. Other omissions would be as in your May 9 letter, except that on galley 392, we would like restored all but the last 4 paragraphs, on the ground that the preceeding 2 paragraphs merely express the Embassy Committee's attitude towards President Quirino and do not contain action recommendations. The suggested result is shown at Tab B.

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Regarding item 6, we suggest that the footnote on galley 394 PHI read: "See the memorandum, supra."

2. Item 7 involves the CIA both as a channel of information and as an action agency. To meet both problems, we propose that the italic heading on galley 415 PHI read "Memorandum to the Secretary of State" and that the signature and numbered paragraphs 3 and 6 on galley 416 PHI be omitted. Additional omissions would be as specified in our May 9 letter. The result is shown at Tab C.

STAT 3. Items 2 and 3 concerning [] do not
STAT suggest a CIA connection in our opinion although omission of
STAT any mention [] involvement in
Magsaysay's election campaign and NAMFREL are well known.
having been detailed in the press at the time and []
memoir In The Midst of Wars. Pertinent selections from his
book are at tab D.

We have made a conscientious effort to meet Agency concerns and I would be grateful if you and [] would take personal interest in having our latest suggestions given careful and sympathetic consideration.

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My thanks and best regards.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures:

Tabs A - 383 - 385 PHI
B - 390 - 392 PHI
C - 425 - 426 PHI
D - except: In The Mist Of War.

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